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Applicant: Masahiko KOIKE et al.
Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING COATED PREPARATION
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Examiner: Palenik, Jeffrey T.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the restriction requirement set forth in the Requirement mailed December 6, 2007, the Examiner has required a restriction between claims in the following two Groups:

Group I, claims 1 and 3-10, drawn to method of producing a coated preparation; and

Group II, claims 2, 11, and 12, drawn to a coated preparation.

The Examiner further made an election of species requirement, requiring Applicant to select a particular species and to identify claims embracing those species. Requirement, p. 2. The undersigned interpreted this requirement as requiring an election including a core's active ingredient, the organic solvent, and the coating base.